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Encourage Digital Payments
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked its Departments/offices/public sector firms and autonomous bodies to encourage their employees to use debit cards for personal transactions and serve as ambassadors for the Government's push for a digital payments economy and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has also asked its Ministries/Departments to liaise with banks to ensure that employees who don't have a debit card can get one; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(a) to (c) In the context of encouraging cashless/electronic transactions, with a view to encouraging government servants to serve as 'ambassadors', the Department of Expenditure has requested all Central Government Ministries/Departments to encourage their employees to make use of debit cards for personal related transactions, and asked them to liaise with their accredited banks to facilitate employees in being in possession of debit cards. Department of Expenditure's advisory in this regard also states that Ministries/Departments also issue similar advisories to their attached/subordinate offices, Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies, etc.
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